

Senator HATFIELD has elevated the caliber of this Chamber's debate, frequently taking lonely stands in the process.

Voting one's conscience often requires courage. Senator HATFIELD has never wavered in his devotion to what he believes is just, and he has always done right by the good people of Oregon.

Madam President, no one in this body has been a greater crusader for peace than MARK HATFIELD. A devout pacifist since the beginning of his political career, Senator HATFIELD opposed President Johnson's Vietnam policy, and more than 20 years later was one of only two Republicans to vote against United States military involvement in the Persian Gulf. He opposes nuclear testing and an extensive military buildup, and authored the 1992 nuclear test ban law that is now regarded as an important standard for U.S. conduct on nuclear issues.

More recently, Senator HATFIELD was the sole Republican to vote against the balanced budget amendment, and he would have paid dearly for that stand had the concept of respect for one's conscience not prevailed.

Senator HATFIELD's constituents respect his principles just as much as his colleagues, which is perhaps why Governor Kitzhaber said Senator HATFIELD has achieved "what may be the single greatest public career in Oregon's history." Senator HATFIELD has never lost an election. Oregonians have continually returned their Senator to office not only because of his righteousness, but also because of his commitment to them and their values. As chairman of the Appropriations Committee, Senator HATFIELD has seen to it that Oregon's pristine parks and clean coastlines have the means to stay that way, while other public projects such as hospitals, research centers, and roads help to ensure health of the State's citizens and the vibrancy of the State's economy. And as one of this body's true moderates, Senator HATFIELD has also supported gun control and motor-voter initiatives, while opposing President Reagan's unwise tax cuts.

Madam President, Senator HATFIELD is an outstanding Member of this body whose sincerity and strength of character should be emulated by all Americans. Widely respected for his independence and well-liked for his loyal friendship, Senator HATFIELD will be sorely missed. I wish him all the best in his retirement.

HONORING AN ESTEEMED COLLEAGUE

Mr. DODD. Madam President, amidst a very busy, occasionally frantic session, as we struggle for sometimes small, perhaps fleeting victories, it is important that we not ignore those losses that are permanent and personal. A close friend and a fine legislator announced last month that he will be leaving us at the end of this

Congress, and I would like to take this opportunity to pay him part of the tribute that he deserves.

Madam President, I know something about following in the footsteps of one's own father in this Chamber. The U.S. Congress held not only a set of expectations for Senator Simpson, but also a legacy. It was a legacy that came not just from former Senator Milward Simpson, but from a long lineage of Simpsons dating back to the 19th century. Senator SIMPSON's ancestors were among the pioneers of the State of Wyoming, and were part of the effort that turned a beautiful stretch of American frontier into a great American State. This spirit—one of perseverance, integrity, and hard work—was the legacy that was left to Senator SIMPSON. It was a legacy that he embraced and nurtured, while simultaneously carving for himself an identity and a presence in the Senate all his own.

It is easy to stand up here and honor a colleague by listing a litany of legislative achievements. It is much harder to try to pay tribute by attempting to evoke the humor and the wit that were the hallmark of Senator SIMPSON's career. I am afraid I am not up to the task, Madam President. But those who know the Senator remember the humor that he brought to a too often humorless place. Indeed, many of us were the victims of his good-natured joshing on numerous occasions. He was disarming with his charm, and his quick wit won him many small battles, while averting many larger ones. Suffice it to say, on the subject of Senator SIMPSON's humor, that many of us, before we came to Washington and encountered the acerbic tongue of the 6'7" Senator from Wyoming, had no idea what or where a gazoo was.

It must have been that pioneering spirit that made Senator SIMPSON gravitate toward some of the toughest legislative assignments in this body. He quickly took on one of our Nation's thorniest policy areas, immigration reform, and, through dogged perseverance, determination, and a keen sense of when and how to compromise, he pushed through the legislation that has become the foundation of our Nation's immigration policy ever since.

The bill that eventually passed was a tribute to our policymaking process here in Congress. It marked a strengthening of U.S. immigration policy, but also showed sensitivity to the serious concerns of some very thoughtful people. It tempered a toughening of border patrols with amnesty for illegal aliens who arrived in this country through the early 1980's. It balanced sanctions against employers who hired illegal aliens with provisions to protect legal aliens and citizens from unfair discrimination. It took him 6 years to do it, and I know that it was at times a frustrating march. It was an effort that other legislators might have given up, and left to another leader, or another time. But he persisted, and the bill

that was passed in 1986, after 6 years of hard work and compromise, stands as a heartening example of how a political system too often accused of gridlock and obstruction can succeed when the right leader tempers determination with cooperation.

He hardly slowed down from there, however, continuing to take on some of the most sensitive issues, impressing even his opponents with his honesty and courage. He spoke to a group of Vietnam veterans, and frankly told them of his reservations about compensation for veterans who claimed to have been injured due to their exposure to chemicals during the war. He simply had not seen adequate proof that their injuries were caused by their wartime experiences, he explained. The audience disagreed with him, but they respected his honesty and forthrightness in explaining his views. At the conclusion of his speech, he received a standing ovation.

In announcing his retirement, Senator SIMPSON said that, when he began his work in the Senate, he promised the voters two things, and two things only. First, that he would work very hard, and second, that he would try to make them very proud. Madam President, it takes honesty and courage to be so frank in what one promises, and it takes hard work and perseverance to make good on those promises. Senator SIMPSON exhibited all of those qualities, and he will be long remembered for them.

Senator SIMPSON also told us that he is leaving this Chamber because he no longer feels the same "fire in the belly." I am disappointed to hear that, but I have very little doubt that whatever he chooses to do upon leaving us, the fire in his belly will soon be rekindled, and the flames will fuel his passion, and we will all be touched by his energy. I thank him, and I wish him the best of luck.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 33. An act to transfer the Fish Farming Experimental Laboratory in Stuttgart,